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United Republic of Tanzania*: draft resolution

Implementation of the outcome of the Global Conference on Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 50/116 of 20 December 1995 and 51/183 of 16 December 1996 on the implementation of the outcome of the Global Conference on the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States, held at Bridgetown, Barbados, from 25 April-6 May 1994,

Convinced that small island developing States are particularly vulnerable to global climate change and sea level rise, and that the potential effects of global climate change and sea level rise, increasing strength and frequency of tropical storms, the El Niño phenomena and drought have resulted in the inundation of some islands and caused serious loss of resources in their exclusive economic zones, economic infrastructure, human settlements and culture,

Reaffirming the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21 adopted by the General Assembly at its nineteenth special session

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* On behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77 and China.

[1] Resolution S-19/2, annex.

(23-28 June 1997) and decision 5/1 adopted by the Commission on Sustainable Development at its fifth session (7-25 April 1997),

Also reaffirming its decision at its nineteenth special session to convene a two-day special session, preceding its fifty-fourth session, for the review and appraisal of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States,

1. Takes note of the report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the outcome of the Global Conference on the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States,[1] and welcomes in particular the action that has been taken by the Department of Economic and Social Affairs of the United Nations Secretariat to support the system-wide implementation of the Programme of Action;

2. Welcomes the action of the Secretary-General to restructure and appropriately strengthen the Small Island Developing States Unit in accordance with Assembly resolutions 49/122 of 19 December 1994 and 51/183 of 16 December 1996;

3. Appreciates the support that has been provided by the Commission on Sustainable Development in following up the implementation of the Programme of Action in accordance with Assembly resolution 49/122 and the Programme of Action itself, and welcomes the multi-year programme of work for the Commission on Sustainable Development, 1998-2001,[2] as adopted at its nineteenth special session (23-28 June 1997), which will, inter alia, review the outstanding chapters of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States;

4. Takes note with the appreciation of the modalities that have been instituted by the Department of Economic and Social Affairs, in collaboration with the United Nations Development Programme, to mobilize resources, including technical capacity for small island developing States, with respect to the further implementation of the Programme of Action, and in that regard requests the Secretary-General to implement fully the relevant provisions of Assembly resolutions 51/183 and 51/185 of 16 December 1996;

5. Calls for the participation as observers of members of the regional commissions in the two-day special session for the review and appraisal of the Programme of Action and in its preparatory process;

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[1] Report of the Global Conference on the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States, Bridgetown, Barbados, 25 April-6 May 1994 (United Nations publication, Sales No 94.I.18 and corrigenda), chap. I, resolution 1, annex II.

[2] A/52/319.

[3] Resolution S-19/2, annex, appendix.

6. Welcomes the progress made by the United Nations Development Programme in implementing Assembly resolution 49/122, invites the Programme to continue to implement all the provisions of both the Technical Assistance Programme and the information network for Small Island Developing States, and welcomes the regional and subregional efforts by small island developing States, which have enabled the commencement of implementation of both programmes;

7. Also welcomes the actions taken by the regional commissions and organizations in support of activities related to the outcome of the Global Conference on the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States;

8. Requests the Secretary-General to ensure that the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development has a strengthened capacity to carry out, in accordance with its mandate, the research and analysis necessary to complement the work of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs with respect to the implementation of the Programme of Action, and in that context notes with satisfaction that a post at the P-4 level has been established in the Office of the Special Coordinator for Least Developed, Landlocked and Island Developing Countries following the recent restructuring of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development;

9. Calls upon Governments, as well as the organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system and other intergovernmental organizations, to continue to take the necessary actions for effective follow-up to the Programme of Action, including action to ensure the provision of the means of implementation under chapter XV thereof, commitments and recommendations that were made at the Global Conference, and the modalities that it adopted for the full and comprehensive review of the Programme of Action;

10. Further calls upon both the bilateral and multilateral donor communities to mobilize adequate financial resources to supplement efforts by small island developing States, at both the national and regional levels, in the implementation of the programmes referred to in operative paragraph 6 of the present resolution, including by providing support to existing regional and subregional institutions;

11. Welcomes the action taken by the Department of Economic and Social Affairs, in collaboration with the United Nations Development Programme, for a meeting between representatives of small island developing States and prospective bilateral and multilateral donors, and stresses the need for further collaboration to facilitate preparation of project portfolios;

12. Requests the secretariat of the International Decade for Natural Disaster Reduction, in cooperation with the international community, to enhance efforts in coordination activities within the United Nations system and to strengthen national and regional partnerships for a disaster reduction strategy for the twenty-first century, including requirements for effective disaster reduction capacities and measures, in line with General Assembly resolution 51/183;

13. Urges the international donor community, including international financial institutions, to support adaptation efforts by small island developing

States to cope with the threatening sea level rise that may be experienced as a consequence of the impact of greenhouse gas emissions into the atmosphere;

14. Invites the Global Environment Facility, in accordance with its operational strategies, to further support its climate change enabling activities and short-term mitigation projects in small island developing States, especially the financing of commercial energy development and efficiency improvement in small island developing States;

15. Takes note of the progress in the development and compilation of a vulnerability index for small island developing States, in collaboration with the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development and other relevant organizations, and invites all relevant participants to continue to support the Department of Economic and Social Affairs in further work to refine the index, as necessary;

16. Takes note of the report of the Committee for Development Planning on its thirty-first session,[1] and decides to retain the status of Vanuatu as a least developed country, pending the finalization of the vulnerability index and the next review in the year 2000;

17. Invites the World Tourism Organization and relevant United Nations agencies and programmes to urgently develop strategies with existing regional and subregional tourism organizations in small island developing States to further facilitate sustainable tourism development as an essential contribution to an action-oriented international programme of work on sustainable tourism;

18. Decides to include in the provisional agenda of its fifty-third session, under the item entitled: "Environment and sustainable development", the sub-item entitled: "Implementation of the outcome of the Global Conference on the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States";

19. Requests the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly, at its fifty-third session, a report on actions taken to implement the present resolution and paragraph 10 of Assembly resolution 50/116 of 20 December 1995.

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[1] E/1997/35.